

Lower Oahe Waterfowl Access Areas 2015-16 Waterfowl Report

For the Week of December 28, 2015

WALK-IN AREAS

No hunter reports this week from the walk-in areas on waterfowl hunting success. With the lower number of geese in the areas it has been difficult to get a pattern on when and where the birds will fly.

REGISTRATION AREA

The low number of birds and the full moon last week in the area continued to make it difficult for the hunters. Reports on flight times varied from day to day with a lot of the birds not moving until later in the day. This week reports started to come in of hunters seeing a few birds migrating into the area and that these birds have been working into the decoys well. The added snow in the area has helped to get the birds moving out to feed on more of a regular basis giving the hunters opportunities to decoy in some birds. Drawings for the decoy only registration field's takes place each day one hour before sunrise.

With more waterfowl hunters in the area upland hunters planning on coming out this week and weekend are reminded to watch for waterfowl hunters in the areas and for the signs designating areas as open or closed to upland game hunting. Upland game hunting is not allowed when waterfowl hunters are in the fields.

PASS-SHOOTING AREAS

Pass shooting remains difficult in the area with the low number of birds it has been hard to get a pattern on the birds before the flight is over.

SOLID AND STRIPED GREEN AREAS

The striped green area in Stanley County continues to see birds in and around the area. With the snow cover in the city limits of Pierre and Ft. Pierre along with the colder temperatures the birds are starting to move out of town to feed.

SUMMARY

Hunter reports over the weekend and early this week are that they have been seeing a small migration into the area and with the snow cover it is helping to get the birds to fly out to feed on a more regular basis. Not reports on any pass shooters success in those areas. The striped green area in Stanley County continued to see a flight over the weekend.

The 26th annual youth goose hunt is scheduled for January 8, 9, 10. The number of birds in the area remains low but all of the volunteers working the event have been and will be busy making sure the kids will be getting into the fields and making every attempt to make the youth hunt a good experience for them.